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## **Governor Baker Nominates Steven D. Power as Associate Justice of the Westborough District Court**

**BOSTON**— Today, Governor Charlie Baker nominated Steven D. Power to the position of Associate Justice of the Westborough District Court. Power brings nearly twenty years of experience in litigation and has served as partner at Aitken, Chacharone & Power, P.C. since 2010.

“Steven Power’s career in the public and private sector has provided him with a deep understanding of the matters and parties that come before the District Court,” **said Governor Baker**. “He has the intellect and wisdom to serve the Westborough District Court and I am pleased to submit his name for the Governor’s Council’s advice and consent.”

“Attorney Power has been an active and dedicated member of the Worcester community for nearly two decades and is well suited to serve the citizens of the Commonwealth with a high level of service and commitment,” **said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito**. “His time spent in court is matched by his volunteering and teaching. If appointed, I am confident he would serve the Commonwealth well.”

The District Court hears a wide range of criminal, civil, housing, juvenile, mental health, and other types of cases. District Court criminal jurisdiction extends to all felonies punishable by a sentence up to five years, and many other specific felonies with greater potential penalties; all misdemeanors; and all violations of city and town ordinances and by-laws. The District Court is located in 62 courts across the Commonwealth.

For more information about the District Court, please visit:

<http://www.mass.gov/courts/court-info/trial-court/dc/>

Judicial nominations are subject to the advice and consent of the Governor's Council. Applicants for judicial openings are reviewed by the Judicial Nominating Commission (JNC) and recommended to the governor. Governor Baker established the JNC in February, 2015 pursuant to Executive Order 558, a non-partisan, non-political Commission composed of volunteers from a cross-section of the Commonwealth's diverse population to screen judicial applications. Twenty-one members were later appointed to the JNC in April, 2015.

### **About Steven D. Power**

Steven D. Power currently serves as a partner at Aitken, Chacharone & Power, P.C. in Worcester where he concentrates in criminal defense, real estate, personal injury, and civil litigation. He has represented clients in District, Superior, and Federal courts throughout the Commonwealth. Prior to this, he served as an associate at both Glickman, Sugarman, Kneeland & Gribouski and Erb & Erb, where he worked primarily in the area of criminal defense. From 1998 to 2002, he served as an Assistant District Attorney in Worcester County. Steven Power graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in History from Williams College and earned his Juris Doctorate from the New England School of Law in 1997. Outside of work he has volunteered as an Assistant Coach for Shrewsbury Little League and Shrewsbury AYF Football, as well as lecturing occasionally at Stonehill College. He lives in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts with his family.

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